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Greetings:

I have observed the case since its start, and I must say that I am very disappointed with the outcome. Not surprised, however: Microsoft has obviously spent an enormous amount of money on this case, and as we all know, you can buy the very best justice in the world right here in the USA.

You would have to be living under a rock to not see how the company has used its leverage to destroy competition and retard innovation. Nothing new or useful has come out of Redmond for years, their lies and distortion of truth notwithstanding (viz Gates' latest claim to 'inventing' the open source movement). Bills such as the DMCA and judgments such as this one simply demonstrate the power of a multi-billion dollar bank account and the willingness of the current administration to accomodate Microsoft in their attempts to destroy all competition (in favor of a very inferior product, I must add).

No thanks to the DoJ for pandering to Microsoft. Shame on you all. Microsoft now has a green light to continue its attempted dominance of the computing life, on-line and off. What a disgusting outcome.

Best regards,

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The Linux Soundapps Site at <http://sound.condorow.net>

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